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In Re Application of: MacDonald Art Unit: 2822
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Title (as amended): **METHOD OF FORMING A POLISHING INHIBITING LAYER
USING A SLURRY HAVING AN ADDITIVE**

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AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of October 10, 2006, please reconsider the above-referenced patent application in light of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.